

DECLARES BRITISH BREAK NEUTRALITY

COLLECTOR CHARGES CRUISERS
SUPPLIED BY MERCHANTMEN

He Has Evidence and Will Bring
the Subject Before the Federal
Grand Jury.

New York, April 4.—Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port, charged today that British cruisers patrolling the waters along the coast of the United States had been violating the neutrality law by coaling and taking on supplies from vessels putting out from New York.

Malone conferred today with United States District Attorney H. Snowden Marshall regarding the state of affairs he claims to have discovered and tonight declared he expected to bring the subject to the attention of the Federal grand jury.

Mr. Malone said that for some weeks he had been making an investigation of reports that British cruisers lying off the entrance to New York harbor had been receiving food and coal from here. On board the United States torpedo destroyer Parker, the collector has been making trips about the harbor and outside Sandy Hook on many nights for several weeks past.

Has the Evidence.
He declared he had evidence there was a supply base for British cruisers in a down-town hotel, which food stuffs are taken to the ships, loaded on lighters and sent to sea, where they meet British cruisers outside the three-mile limit. Mr. Malone's individual investigation, George F. Lamb, head of the neutrality squad here, and several secret service operatives, have been investigating for the customs authorities, it was said.

While these observations have been in progress, attention has been paid to the loading of ships that might take aid to the belligerent cruisers off the coast.

In this work the torpedo craft Parker, Drayton and McDougall and other government vessels have been engaged.

Alleges Conspiracy.

Developments so far, Collector Malone said, indicated what appeared to be a conspiracy to violate the neutrality proclamation of the president by the establishment of an extensive organization and central agency to carry on a traffic in supplies for the British cruisers. He declared there was evidence that negotiations had been opened by agents of some organization, with headquarters in a hotel, with many captains and owners of tug boats in New York, Philadelphia and New England for the services of these captains and their tugs to convey supplies from the various points to British warships. It was said that experienced tugs were engaged to be placed on duty and reports have been made to the collector that operatives of a secret organization have been working in cooperation with agents of the suspected organization for the carrying out of the supply plans.

Mr. Malone said he was investigating the reports in detail with an effort to corroborate information he had received.

AIMING BY THE PERISCOPE
Method of Firing Adopted by English
Requires Skill.

An Associated Press dispatch dated London, March 18, says: The old Spanish way of holding the rifle overhead in firing from a trench so as to endanger only the hands of the firer, a method which has caused foreign observers to ridicule the fighting of Spanish-American armies and which made the fire of the insurrectionists so ineffective in the Philippine war, has been adopted by the British army. But it is not the "snapping" fire, for the aiming is done by periscope.

Instructors are now employed in the English training camps to teach this method of firing, which requires a new technique. These men have astonished skeptical officers by making shots that would be creditable to a sharpshooter under the old method of holding the eye to the sight. Just how it is done is not explained, but it is known that the gun is held at arm's length in the air, upside down.

Both sides are now directing a heavy continuous fire upon each other and the men killed and wounded in the trenches are almost always struck on the head.

An apology has been received by the state department for the murder of the American McManus. That makes it all right with everybody but McManus.—Nashville Banner.

The Arkansas Democrat refers to some recent enactments by the legislature as "half-baked legislation." That isn't so bad—just wait until the legislature puts across a piece that is absolutely raw.—Nashville Banner.

THURMOND GIVEN GOVERNMENT JOB

GETS RECESS APPOINTMENT AS
FEDERAL ATTORNEY.

Nominated by President to Fill Place
in Western District Created by
Congress Just Closed.

Washington, April 6.—The president today gave William J. Thurmond, of Edgefield, a recess appointment to be district attorney for the Western district of South Carolina.

Son of Edgefield.

Edgefield, April 6.—J. William Thurmond, of Edgefield, the new appointee of President Wilson to the district attorneyship of the Western district of South Carolina, was born May 1, 1862, in Meriwether township, Edgefield county, and is the son of George W. and Mary Felter Thurmond. He was reared on a farm, attended the common schools of his community and afterward the Curryton High school and the University of South Carolina.

Mr. Thurmond taught school and read law at home and entered the law office of Sheppard Bros. in October, 1887. He was admitted to the bar in January, 1888, and located at Edgefield, where he has practiced continuously since.

For several years Mr. Thurmond was attorney for Edgefield county and was elected to the house of representatives in 1894, and while a member nominated Senator Tillman for the United States senate. Mr. Thurmond made a minority report which was adopted after a hard fight, relieving the State of a considerable bonded indebtedness which he did not think was just.

Mr. Thurmond was elected solicitor of the Fifth judicial circuit in 1896 and was re-elected in 1900 and voluntarily retired from this office at the expiration of the second term. Mr. Thurmond served as special judge under an appointment of Gov. Ansel. He is a member of the Baptist church, a trustee of the Edgefield High school and a director of the Farmers' bank. He owns large farming interests in the county and has a lucrative law practice.

Mr. Thurmond has participated in a number of important cases. He was an ardent supporter of Woodrow Wilson for the Democratic nomination.

Mr. Thurmond was married in December, 1898, to Miss Eleanor Gertrude Strom. They have six children.

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FUNDS AWARDED TO MEET PENSIONS

COMPTROLLER GENERAL APPOR-
TIONS \$286,171.

On Account of Decrease in Roll the
Two Lower Classes Will Re-
ceive an Increase.

Columbia, April 6.—Comptroller General Sawyer stated today that he had sent to the various clerks of court pensions for 1915.

The general assembly apportioned \$300,000 for pensions, out of which the Confederate infirmity receives \$17,454.75, leaving a balance of \$282,545.25. To this was added the refunds made by the clerks of court in 1914 on account of deaths and other causes, making the total amount paid pensioners \$286,171.50.

The roll in 1915 was decreased by 146, and on account of this decrease and the increase in the appropriation the lower classes, C No. 2 and C No. 4, will receive \$28.50 in 1915, as against \$24 in 1914.

The distribution by classes is as follows:

Class A.....	183	\$96.00	\$ 17,568.00
Class B.....	125	72.00	9,000.00
Class C, No. 1.	565	48.00	27,120.00
Class C, No. 2.	3,045	28.50	86,782.50
Class C, No. 3.	474	48.00	22,752.00
Class C, No. 4.	4,314	28.50	122,949.00

8,706 \$286,171.50

Of the above 3,918 are soldiers and 4,788 widows of soldiers.

The amount sent each county is as follows:

County—	
Abbeville.....	\$ 5,050.50
Aiken.....	10,659.00
Anderson.....	16,875.00
Bamberg.....	3,042.50
Barnwell.....	4,780.50
Beaufort.....	874.50
Berkeley.....	3,400.50
Calhoun.....	1,054.50
Charleston.....	8,754.00
Cherokee.....	7,354.50
Chester.....	4,593.00
Chesterfield.....	7,509.00
Clarendon.....	4,027.50
Colleton.....	9,664.50
Darlington.....	6,285.00
Dillon.....	3,991.50
Dorchester.....	4,105.50
Edgefield.....	4,567.50
Fairfield.....	3,798.00
Florence.....	7,552.50
Georgetown.....	2,317.50
Greenville.....	16,335.00
Greenwood.....	4,170.00
Hampton.....	4,294.50
Horry.....	8,542.50
Jasper.....	1,578.00
Kershaw.....	4,705.50
Lancaster.....	6,481.50
Laurens.....	9,219.00
Lee.....	2,475.00
Lexington.....	8,851.50
Marion.....	4,607.50
Marlboro.....	3,607.50
Newberry.....	5,134.50
Oconee.....	8,545.50
Orangeburg.....	7,497.00
Pickens.....	7,594.50
Richland.....	13,339.50
Saluda.....	4,326.00
Spartanburg.....	19,089.00
Sumter.....	4,635.00
Union.....	7,702.50
Williamsburg.....	4,602.00
York.....	8,481.00

\$286,171.50

HUSBAND RESCUED DESPAIRING WIFE

After Four Years of Discouraging
Conditions, Mrs. Bullock Gave
'Up in Despair. Husband
Came to Rescue.

Catron, Ky.—In an interesting letter from this place, Mrs. Bettie Bullock writes as follows: "I suffered for four years, with womanly troubles, and during this time, I could only sit up for a little while, and could not walk anywhere at all. At times, I would have severe pains in my left side.

The doctor was called in, and his treatment relieved me for a while, but I was soon confined to my bed again. After that, nothing seemed to do me any good. I had gotten so weak I could not stand, and I gave up in despair.

At last, my husband got me a bottle of Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I commenced taking it. From the very first dose, I could tell it was helping me. I can now walk two miles without its tiring me, and am doing my work."

If you are all run down from womanly troubles, don't give up in despair. Try Cardui, the woman's tonic. It has helped more than a million women, in its 50 years of wonderful success, and should surely help you, too. Your druggist has sold Cardui for years. He knows what it will do. Ask him. He will recommend it. Begin taking Cardui today.

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DOCTORS SAID HE HAD DROPSY

Some time ago I had an attack of grippe which finally settled in my kidneys and bladder. I doctored with the doctors and they claimed I had dropsy. I tried other remedies and got no relief from any of them. My condition was such that I was unable to work for about two months and the annoying symptoms caused me a great deal of trouble and pain. I was hardly able to turn over in bed. Seeing one of your Almanacs, I decided to give Dr. Kilmer's Swamp Root a trial and after taking several bottles was able to resume my work again. I can not say too much in praise of your Swamp Root as the results in my case were truly wonderful.

Yours very truly,
ROBERT BALLARD,
Mansfield, Pa.

Sworn and subscribed before me, this 7th day of May, 1912.

Ray C. Longbottom,
Notary Public.

Letter to
Dr. Kilmer & Co.,
Binghamton, N. Y.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make final settlement of the estate of J. W. Wicker, deceased, in the probate court for Newberry county, State of South Carolina, on Tuesday, April 13, 1915, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, and will immediately thereafter apply to the judge of probate of Newberry county for a final discharge. All persons indebted to the said estate will make immediate settlement with the undersigned, and all persons holding claims against the said estate will present the same duly attested.

G. A. C. Wicker,
Administrator.

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NOTICE OF ELECTION IN BELFAST SCHOOL DISTRICT, NO. 57.

Whereas, one-third of the resident electors and a like proportion of the resident freeholders of the age of twenty-one years, of Belfast School District, No. 57, of the County of Newberry, State of South Carolina, have filed a petition with the county board of education of Newberry county, South Carolina, petitioning and requesting that an election be held in said school district on the question of levying an additional special annual tax of two mills to be collected on the property located in the said school district:

Now, therefore, the undersigned, composing the County Board of Education for Newberry County, South Carolina, do hereby order the Board of Trustees of the Belfast School district, No. 57, to hold an election on the said question of levying a two mill tax to be collected on the property located in the said school district, which said election shall be held at Belfast school house, in said School District No. 57 on Saturday, April 10, 1915, at which said election the polls shall be opened at 7 a. m. and closed at 4 p. m. The members of the Board of Trustees of said School District shall act as managers of said election. Only such electors as reside in said School District and return real or personal property for taxation, and who exhibit their tax receipts and registration certificates as required in general elections, shall be allowed to vote. Electors favoring the levy of such tax shall cast a ballot containing the word "Yes" written or printed thereon, and such electors opposed to such levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "No" written or printed thereon.

Given under our hands and seal on March 22, 1915.

GEO. D. BROWN,
S. J. DERRICK,
J. S. WHEELER.
County Board of Education
for Newberry County, S. C.

NOTICE OF ELECTION IN WHITMIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52.

Whereas, one-third of the resident electors and a like proportion of the resident freeholders of the age of 21 years, of Whitmire District, No. 52, of the county of Newberry, State of South Carolina, have filed a petition with the county board of education of Newberry county, South Carolina, petitioning and requesting that an election be held in said school district on the question of levying an additional special annual tax of two mills to be collected on the property located in the said school district:

Now, therefore, the undersigned, composing the county board of education for Newberry county, South Carolina, do hereby order the board of trustees of the Whitmire school district No. 52, to hold an election on the said question of levying a two mill tax to be collected on the property located in the said school district, which said election shall be held at Whitmire school house, in said school district No. 52, on Friday, April 9, 1915, at which election the polls shall be opened at 7 a. m. and closed at 4 p. m. The members of the board of trustees of said school district shall act as managers of said election. Only such electors as reside in said school district and return real or personal property for taxation, and which exhibit their tax receipt and registration certificates as required in general elections, shall be allowed to vote. Electors favoring the levy of such tax shall cast a ballot containing the word "Yes" written or printed thereon, and such electors opposed to such levy shall cast a ballot containing the word "No" written or printed thereon.

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